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Democratic Candidate for Probate Clerk.



HON. GEORGE EDMANSON,  
Democratic Candidate for President of the County Board.



HON. JOHN P. HOPKINS,  
The Democratic Leader.

## PLATFORM

### —OF THE— Democratic Party of Cook County.

The Democratic party of Cook county, in convention assembled, reaffirms its allegiance to the principles of Democracy of the nation as enunciated in the platform of the party in 1892. We charge that the present deplorable industrial and commercial conditions are the direct result of continued misgovernment and vicious legislation during Republican supremacy. Thus believing, we denounce the tariff legislation of the Republican party, which for a long series of years has created and fostered monopoly by placing high "import taxes on all articles produced by favored individuals and corporations," thus increasing the expenses of consumer, destroying foreign trade, and leaving the American markets in the hands of pools and trusts. We declare that the present business depression is the direct result of the unjust legislation that has persistently taxed the many for the benefit of the few, and we denounce those so-called Democrats in Congress and in the Senate who for many months have left the McKinley law unchanged, and we charge them with continuing the depression and disorder that Republican legislation has caused.

We hail with pleasure the action of the Democratic House of Representatives in favor of an income tax as a step in the direction of justice and reform and as a blow at that infamous system which burdens the poor with the necessities of government while monopolies, trusts and combines escape their just responsibilities.

We are in favor of the use of both gold and silver as money. We declare this has been for years a cardinal doctrine of the Democratic party, and we denounce the Republican party for its constant efforts to demonetize silver and thus increase all public and private debts for the benefit of the foreign and domestic bondholders and brokers who seek by this legislation to add to their wealth.

We denounce the present system of township organization within the city of Chicago, as an outrage on our citizens and a menace to good government. We demand the abolition of township lines inside the limits of the great municipality which is the metropolis of the West, and favor a fair adjustment of local taxation, believing this reform can be best brought about by the consolidation of the various assessors' offices into one. Thus believing, we turn to the Legislature for relief, and find that the abuses under which our people labor in the way of unjust taxation can only be remedied by Cook County and the great city of Chicago being given their just representation at Springfield. This representation, as fixed by the last Legislature, is fifteen Senators and forty-five Representatives. We charge the Republican party with attempting to continue the present vile, unjust, and ruinous system of many Assessors for the benefit of the few, while we demand one Assessor for the benefit of the many, and we denounce the attempt of the Republican party in this connection to rob Cook County of five Senators and fifteen Representatives by setting aside the apportionment law which was passed in the interest of the long suffering taxpayers of Chicago.

We endorse the action of the State and city administrations in recognizing the fitness of women for certain public positions, and in harmony with this policy we request the State convention to nominate at least one woman for the position of Trustee of the State University of Illinois, and instruct our delegates to support this resolution.

We endorse the action of our Democratic city administration in compelling corporations to pay the city for privileges conferred, and we believe in granting all franchises the city should participate in the benefits given until such time as the municipality shall be able to own gas, water, street railway lines, and like public works.

We applaud and approve of the firm and unyielding stand taken by Mayor Hopkins in the direction of abolition of grade crossings, and voicing the sentiments of a majority of the people bid him godspeed in continuing the effort.

We take pleasure in pointing to the past record of the Democratic party as the champion of personal liberty and its unflinching and unchangeable opposition to know-nothingism of all kinds, and we denounce all proscription of any person on account of his religious views or foreign nationality as un-American, indecent and intolerable; and desiring an economical and able administration of county affairs, we present a ticket unblemished by factional support and unhampered by bad official or individual records of candidates.



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